

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : TO BE ASSIGNED, WHICH IS A NATIONAL STAGE OF  
PCT/AU03/000839, FILED JUNE 30, 2003  
Applicant : GIBSON ET AL.  
Filed : CONCURRENTLY HERewith  
Title : AN OPTIC FIBRE DEVICE  
  
Art Unit : TO BE ASSIGNED  
Examiner : TO BE ASSIGNED  
  
Atty Docket No. : COCH-0130-US1

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.